

NORTH TORRANCE TO VOTE NOV. 19 ON FORMATION OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

North Torrance residents will vote on Nov. 19 on the formation of Municipal Water District No. 2, under provisions of an ordinance submitted to the City Council on Tuesday night.

The resolution was presented following a report by Taylor and Taylor, water engineers retained by the city, that the assessed valuation of the proposed district is \$988,000.

The bonded indebtedness of the new water district, which will supply all North Torrance with Metropolitan Water District water, will be \$174,000, sufficient to meet all necessary costs pertaining to formation of the district, it was said.

A main will be constructed from 190th st. and Crenshaw blvd. west to Hawthorne blvd., and later will be constructed at one-half mile intervals, under plans of the city.

The public hearing on the proposed water district will be held on Oct. 15, and it is said that the whole area is practically unanimous in its desire to have the Metropolitan Water district supply distributed in the area.

The new district will include all area from a point 1320 feet south of 190th st. north to the city line, between the east and west sides of the city.

It is estimated that construction and acquisition costs will be approximately \$157,000 and engineering costs \$17,000.

Such present wells as are serviceable will be acquired by the district, it is proposed, but the principal supply for the whole area will be through the Metropolitan connection.

The ordinance of intention to form the district was adopted for its first reading Tuesday night and will be finally adopted on Sept. 24.

W. K. Cobb New Superintendent Of Redondo Beach High School District

W. K. Cobb has assumed his duties as superintendent of Redondo Beach Union high school district and principal of the high school, having succeeded Mrs. Aileen S. Hammond who retired last June after serving 20 years in that capacity.

Cobb comes to Redondo Beach after two years as district superintendent at Tulare, and 10 years prior to going to Tulare as county superintendent of schools at Ventura. He is a member of the California Curriculum Commission and past president of the Association of California Public School Superintendents.

Considerable interest is shown in Torrance in the appointment of Cobb since Torrance some time next year must choose between Redondo Beach and Los Angeles high school districts for affiliation of the new Torrance school district, and sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of Redondo Beach. This step is required by law, as the new Torrance Board of Education must assume control of the elementary schools before the unified school district can be formed.

After ratification of the City Charter by the California Legislature, the County Superintendent of Schools will call an election to pick the Board of Education.

The water problem was moving toward solution as the council also adopted for the first time an ordinance calling for formation on Nov. 19 of a municipal water district in North Torrance.

Registration For Nov. Election Closes Sept. 26

If you have moved or did not vote at the Presidential election in 1944 you must register on or before Sept. 26 to have a vote in the general election Nov. 5.

Those voters who fall in either of the above classifications may register at the office of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett in the City Hall, Torrance.

Those voters who have not moved are eligible to vote in the general election.

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FUTURE PLAYGROUND FOR MILLIONS... The undeveloped, mile-long virgin beach of the City of Torrance is seen in the distance in this picture, a scene presented for the first time by the Torrance Herald. Plans of the Board of Supervisors call for removing sands of the bluff on the right, depositing them on the depleted beaches on the left, thus building a new shoreline which will attract hundreds of thousands of residents of the

county each year to the Torrance beach. Latest county proposals call for a recreation authority which will finance building of the beaches and adjoining recreation areas pending repayment of the costly projects out of funds derived from use of concessions in the county beach parks. The program is explained elsewhere in this section of the Torrance Herald. The lower portion of the photo shows the Malaga Cove section of Torrance and Palos Verdes Estates beach. (Torrance Herald photo)

Miss De Camp To Award Baby Prizes

Rosemary De Camp, charming actress of screen and radio, will make a personal appearance at the Friday performance of the Torrance Junior Women's club local talent play, "Pep Parade."

Miss De Camp will soon be seen in "From This Day Forward" and "Two Guys from Milwaukee." As just she has won the hearts of thousands every Wednesday night on the Dr. Christian program.

In private life she is the wife of City Judge John Shidler. Miss De Camp will present awards in the Boy and Girl Baby contests to end this Friday night at the final performance of the "Pep Parade."

Entries in the Baby Contest being sponsored by the Junior Women's club in conjunction with the "Pep Parade" tonight, Sept. 12, and tomorrow night, Sept. 13 are given with commercial sponsors as follows:

Girls—Judy Freder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Freder, 1021 1/2 Portola ave. Chaucle McNeas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McNeas, (National Home Appliances), 1540 W. 21st st.

Lola Davis, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Davis (Mid City Drug) CCMO. Jeonlyn Coulombe, Mr. and Mrs. Coulombe.

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Torrance May Lose Two City Councilmen

Torrance may lose two of its city councilmen in the near future, according to rumors circulating in the City Hall.

Councilman G. V. Powell is said to be desirous of retiring and moving to his ranch in Oregon, and his decision will be based somewhat on the health of Mrs. Powell, friends of the family reported. Powell is head custodian at Torrance high school.

Councilman C. M. Gilbert is reported to be seeking a location where the climate is more favorable for his young son, who suffers with asthma. Gilbert may continue his residence in Torrance, it is said, even though he moves his family to another community. He is a member of the cement contracting firm of Callahan and Gilbert.

TORRANCE BEACH INCLUDED IN PLAN OF COUNTY FOR PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

Steps toward the development of Los Angeles County's 65 miles of ocean frontage, including Torrance Beach for recreational purposes, through a county beach authority, were taken by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

The move was started in the form of a resolution presented by Supervisor Leonard J. Roach, seconded by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, calling upon the Legislature to create the authority with its membership to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Approach to the financing of a program to meet the county's beach problem, which has to be developed to meet a need of a yearly attendance of 60,000,000 or more people within a few years, has been under study by county officials since the defeat on Aug. 6 of the \$8,200,000 bond issue projected to finance two beach recreation areas in the county. It is believed that beach developments, not only for immediate needs, but the \$85,000,000 comprehensive plan as well, can be financed, without much cost to the taxpayers, through a beach authority.

Under such an authority, self-liquidating bonds can be created and sold to investors, the paper paid off over a period of years with revenue from park

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Concert Band To Be Formed By Kiwanis Club

In a move to develop an outstanding civic musical organization for Torrance, the Torrance Kiwanis club voted Monday evening to enlarge their "Torrance Concert Band" and include musicians, both men and boys, of all ages.

The purpose of the organization is to gather the musical talent of this area into a worthwhile organization and to develop a greater appreciation of good music in this city.

Dean Sears, chairman of the Torrance Kiwanis club band committee, said: "Under this new setup we will make no attempt to teach music to beginners."

"At the same time it will necessarily be a band composed of experts. Our plans are to develop a concert band or orchestra of men and boys of this area who already have their fundamental training, into a truly worthwhile organization of which Torrance may be justly proud. So anyone with his instrument and the ability to play at all is welcome."

Kiwanian Don Carper, noted band leader and operator of a local music store, will be the band director. Carper has a long and successful musical career as band and orchestra leader. He played a major part in the development of the noted Elks band No. 88, after which the Torrance organization will be patterned.

Registration for the Kiwanis-sponsored Torrance concert band may be made at Don Carper's Music Center, 1307 El Prado. Band practice is scheduled for each Monday evening at 8:15 at the Men's Bible Class building Sept. 23.

Quandt Now Offers To Sell For \$40,000

C. H. Quandt, owner of the Quandt Pumping Co., which must be acquired by Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, Southwest Torrance, before bonds for development of the new Waleria water system can be sold, has offered his system to the city for \$40,000, it was revealed at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

On an alternative plan, Quandt has agreed to accept \$38,000, withdrawing from his offer a pickup truck and pump not now in operation.

The city has offered Quandt \$35,000, and this was rejected last week with the counter-offer of \$40,000 less \$2,000 for the equipment withdrawn from the deal.

The district has voted \$150,000 in bonds for development of the new water system, and Metropolitan Water District supply will be utilized.

STATE TO BUILD NEW STATION IN NORTH TORRANCE

The Division of Highways, State of California, will erect a motor vehicle maintenance station on property adjoining the city water well at Bailey and Hickman drives, it was revealed Tuesday night.

The division will construct a foreman's cottage on Bailey and at the rear of the large site being purchased from Dennis Cook will build a garage for repairing of trucks and equipment.

CITY ENGINEER EN ROUTE TO VANCOUVER PARLEY

City Engineer G. M. Jain left yesterday for Victoria, Canada, where he will attend the Pacific Coast Building Inspectors Conference, Sept. 17 to 20.

Jain is motoring north and will return by airline.

U. S. Steel Corp. Directors Will Visit Torrance Plant On Sept. 25

For the first time in its corporate history, the board of directors, United States Steel Corporation, will hold a regular meeting in San Francisco, on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

PRIVATE INTERESTS SEEK TORRANCE AIRPORT AS CITY, SCHOOLS PROGRAM PREPARED

While private parties are reported to be attempting to gain control of the 480-acre Army airport developed during the war on the Weston ranch property north of 101 Highway, Torrance, the City of Torrance still has not been able to reach an agreement with government agencies involved which will permit operation of the huge, weather-favored airport as a municipal field.

State Committee On Aviation To Meet Monday

The State Legislature's joint interim committee on aviation, currently making a state-wide survey of city and county airports, plans and proposals.

Its first meeting in the State Building, Los Angeles, Monday, Sept. 16, at 10 a. m., concerning airports.

This announcement was made by Assemblyman Ernest E. Debs, chairman of the group, which is composed of seven senators and seven assemblymen.

"Under the airport appropriation bill passed in the last session of Congress, California was allotted approximately \$18,000,000 to be apportioned among cities and counties in the state," Debs explained.

"But before any city or county can receive its share of the federal fund it must prepare and have approved by the Civil Aeronautics Authority a master plan for airport development and

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James L. Dresser Is Named Torrance Building Inspector By City Council

James S. Dresser was appointed building inspector in the new Torrance Building department by the City Council Tuesday night. The appointment was on a temporary basis, pending the outcome of a Civil Service examination which has been ordered to be held in about 30 days.

Dresser has been connected with the engineering department of General Petroleum Corporation, Vernon plant, for about nine years, and resides at 23825 Narbonne ave. with Mrs. Dresser and their three children. He has been a resident of Torrance for about 15 years.

His work at General Petroleum has been in connection with wood, steel and reinforced concrete construction at the Torrance refinery and elsewhere. Prior to going to General Petroleum he was with the City of Redondo Beach and in Vancouver, B. C., building department as an inspector.

He attended Columbia University, where he obtained a certificate of proficiency in architecture.

The appointment of Dresser as building inspector was made by the City Council at the request of civic leaders who have been seeking to speed the handling of inspections and checking of plans to aid home building and other construction in the city.

"The position as set up provides a salary of \$285 a month. The building department was created in the new city budget now in the process of adoption.

City Engineer G. M. Jain will continue to issue permits for their erection, while the council ponders the problem, and he said that there are five or six already issued in addition to those erected in the past few months.

Another officer, Larry Benton, who has been a war emergency placement, also was approved by council action.

Quonset Huts Use In City To Continue

Quonset huts have friends on the City Council, as a temporary remedy for the home shortage here, and they will proceed to allow their use, subject to restrictions of the building code, it was apparent Tuesday night.

The City Planning Commission, having been asked to consider the quonset huts Sept. 3, passed the "hot potato" back to the council with the recommendation that the council study methods of dealing with them in other cities—Los Angeles, where three-year permits are given for erection of quonset huts on the promise that standard homes will be constructed by owners within that time; and Compton, where the house-moving ordinance is used to cope with the situation.

Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy, Jr., said that the problem presented "quite a serious venture" and urged a joint hearing between the planning body and council.

Councilman W. H. Tolson declared that the council should do nothing to throw anything in the way of a veteran getting a home, even in a quonset hut. Councilmen C. M. Gilbert and G. V. Powell shared his viewpoint.

City Council Approves Three New Patrolmen

Two new patrolmen for the Torrance Police department were approved at the City Council meeting Tuesday night. The new men, both veterans of the Navy during the past war, will begin their six months probationary periods Monday. The new officers were named as M. H. Porter and J. W. Holmes.

Another officer, Larry Benton, who has been a war emergency placement, also was approved by council action.



C. T. Rippey Is New Director Of Chamber

Charles T. Rippey, attorney at law, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The board at its meeting Thursday recommended that all members of the chamber be advised of the proposed Torrance business license ordinance, and the following new members were presented by Membership Chairman I. Washer and Director Charles Gotts:

Torrance Cafe Corporation, Maxwell Katz and Irwin Levey, Mode O'Day, 1119 Sartori avenue, Lela Mae Smith, Ritchie Dental Laboratory, John H. Ritchie, Roberts Liquor Store, Lester King and John Sprout, Yellow Cab Co., Mrs. Marie E. Frohman, Central Garage, Raymond O. Warnick, Cooper's Cafe, Chas. W. Cooper, Axelsson Dental Laboratory, K. E. Axelsson, Workers Cafe, Lindsey Carver, Trueblood's Market, H. C. Trueblood, General Detective and Guard Service, Earl Sheehan.

SCOUT MOTHERS SET FIRST FALL MEETING

Boy Scout Mothers' Club of Troop No. 241 will hold their first fall meeting on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. E. W. Clark, 1410 Beach ave.

A special invitation is extended to the mothers of the new troop members.

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